Funds allocated for NHs in Andhra Pradesh

1148. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the works on the stretches of the sanctioned National Highways falling in the various districts of Andhra Pradesh are likely to commence and would be completed;

(b) whether the funds have since been allocated for the said projects;

(c) if so, the quantum thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) For stretches under National Highways Development Project (NHDP), seven projects costing Rs. 2373.00 crore on National Highway No. 5 and 7 falling in various districts of Andhra Pradesh are presently in progress and are expected to be completed by April, 2009. For NHDP, allocation is made programme-wise and not contract/project-wise and funds during the year are made available as per requirement of the project.

In addition, on non-NHDP stretches, thirty three works sanctioned on various stretches of National Highways falling in various districts of Andhra Pradesh are in progress and are expected to be completed by March, 2008 subject to availability of funds. Further, thirteen works already sanctioned are in process of award. An allocation of Rs. 87.35 crore has been made for the development of National Highway works in the State of Andhra Pradesh during 2006-07 including these projects.

Survey of Kakinada Shipyard

1149. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the initial survey of the proposed shipyard at Kakinada on the Eastern side of Andhra Pradesh is over;

(b) if so, the results of the initial survey;

(c) the estimated expenditure required for setting up of shipyard at Kakinada; and

(d) the details of companies that have come forward for setting up shipyard at Kakinada?